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**UTSA ALUMNUS TO PREMIERE AWARD-WINNING FILM
TO SAN ANTONIO AUDIENCES**

SAN ANTONIO – UTSA graduate and veteran filmmaker Pablo Véliz will premiere his award-winning feature film “La Tragedia de Macario” to San Antonio audiences at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 27 in the Institute of Texan Cultures Fountain Theatre. The film, selected as a feature film presentation at the Sundance Film Festival in February 2006, tells the story of Mexican worker Macario (Rogelio T. Ramos) who loses his job in Mexico and seeks a better life for his family by attempting to cross the border into the U.S.

“La Tragedia de Macario” will be presented in Spanish with English subtitles. Tickets for the event are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children, seniors and military.

The film is based on the May 2003 Victoria, Texas tragedy in which 18 immigrants died from asphyxiation, dehydration and heat exposure as a result of being abandoned and locked inside a double-insulated trailer truck.

“La Tragedia de Macario” has been accepted at film competitions across the country including, Sundance Film Festival (Park City), WorldFest (Houston), South by Southwest Film Festival (Austin), Santa Barbara International Film Festival and was the winner in the Best Feature Film Category at the 2005 Pan American Film Festival.

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The film is being presented as part of the *Seven-String Barbed Wire Fence* exhibit which is being held at UTSA’s Institute of Texan Cultures through January 14, 2007. The goal of the exhibit is to give the topic of immigration a human face and spur dialogue through the use of images, documentaries and historical content.

For tickets and information for “La Tragedia de Macario” and the *Seven-String Barbed Wire Fence* exhibit, please call 210-458-2300 or visit www.texancultures.com. The Institute of Texan Cultures is located at 801 South Bowie Street.

About The University of Texas at San Antonio

The University of Texas at San Antonio is one of the premier institutions of higher education in South Texas and one of the fastest growing universities in the state. One of nine academic universities and six health institutions that comprise the UT System, UTSA is the second largest institution in the system. Celebrating its 36th anniversary, UTSA serves more than 27,300 students enrolled in 62 bachelors, 43 masters and 19 doctoral degree programs.

Programs are offered through the colleges of Architecture, Business, Education and Human Development, Engineering, Honors, Liberal and Fine Arts, Public Policy, and Sciences, and the Graduate School. A Top 100 Hispanic-serving institution, UTSA is ranked among the top 10. A university of access and excellence, UTSA is committed to research and discovery, teaching and learning, and public service.

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